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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: ATTACK ON ZAIRE

1. USG IS STILL EXAMINING IMPLICATIONS OF ZAIRE'S REQUEST FOR AMMUNITION. WE ARE CONCERNED NOT TO DO ANYTHING WHICH WOULD HAVE ADVERSE IMPACT ON DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVES PRESENTLY UNDERWAY WITH ASSISTANCE OF SELECTED AFRICAN STATES. (WE WILL BE PROVIDING SEPARATE GUIDANCE ON THIS POINT). BUT WE ARE ALSO CONVINCED OF THE IMPORTANCE OF ASSISTING THE ZAIRIAN FORCES, TO THE EXTENT REASONABLY POSSIBLE, TO GIVE A MEDIATION EFFORT AN UNDERPINNING OF POTENTIAL CONFRONTATION AND HENCE URGENCY, AND THE TIME TO GET UNDERWAY BEFORE BEING FACED WITH A FAIT ACCOMPLI.

2. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO CONTACT APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS
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IN FOREIGN OR DEFENSE MINISTERIES TO ASK WHETHER IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO INCLUDE BELGIAN-PRODUCED 5.56 MM AMMUNITION ADAPTABLE FOR M-16 RIFLES ON NEXT SHIPMENT TO KINSHASA TO MEET URGENT REQUEST TO US FOR 2 MILLION ROUNDS. WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE TO SUBSTITUTE ALL OR AT LEAST PART OF THIS ORDER FOR EQUIPMENT WHICH BELGIUM WAS ASKED TO DELIVER WHICH MAY NOW HAVE SOMEWHAT LOWER

PRIORITY.

3. FOR KINSHASA: PLEASE CONTACT BELGIAN MILITARY MISSION
TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER THERE ARE ITEMS ON BELGIAN SHIPPING
LIST WHICH THEY BELIEVE COULD TAKE SECOND PLACE TO
M-16 AMMUNITION.
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